**Completion of Construction of Tehri Dam Project**

† *55. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first phase of construction of Tehri Dam project will be completed in 2002;

(b) the proposed rate of tariff in the first phase togetherwith the period for which it will be fixed; and

(c) the number of years during which its capital amount alongwith interest and operational expenditures would be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir; all the four units of 250 MW each of Tehri Hydro Electric Power Project Stage-I (1000 MW) are likely to be commissioned by December, 2002.

(b) Keeping in view the revised cost estimates Rs. *5690.64* crores of Tehri HE Project Stage-I, (1000 MW) (August, 1999 Price Level), the proposed tariff for the first year is estimated to be 279.53 paise/unit and the levelised tariff over a period of 35 years is estimated to be 239.53 paise/unit.

(c) It is estimated that the capital amount alongwith the interest and the operation expenditure of the Project is likely to be recovered in a period of about 11 years.

**Power Situation in the Capital**

*56. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power situation is very grim in Delhi;

(b) if so, what measures are being taken to improve the position;

(c) what is the total position of power demand and supply; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent unprecedented power thefts in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) Power supply in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the months of April, May, June and July, 2000 has been as under;—•

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.